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Anne Arundel - 769
Ebene~~X~~zer AME Church
Galesville, MD 20765

1871

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6/86 NOTE: The Ebenezer AME Church was originally called "West River AME Church." (See Lease: SH 15/254, 1879). The 1st church building was constructed 1879-1881. (Again, See Lease: SH 15/254.) The 1st church was remodeled in 1931 and in 1951. It was demolished in 1970 following the construction of a new brick church in the space between the old church and the parsonage. (See photos of construction and demolition in Survey File # 769.)

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Ebenezer AME Church

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Galesville Road

CITY, TOWN

Galesville

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Fourth

STATE

Maryland 20765

COUNTY Anne Arundel

3 CLASSIFICATION**CATEGORY**☐ DISTRICT☐ BUILDING(S)☒ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT**OWNERSHIP**☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED**STATUS**☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS**ACCESSIBLE**☐ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO**PRESENT USE**☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☒ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER:**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME Trustees, Ebenezer AME Church

Telephone #: 867-9867

STREET & NUMBER

Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Galesville

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code
MD, 20765**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Anne Arundel Co. Court House

Liber #: SH 15

Folio #: 254

STREET & NUMBER

Church Circle

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

MD 20765

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

N/A

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

AA-769

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

☒ EXCELLENT
☐ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE 1871

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

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CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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In the nineteenth century there were at least four AME congregations in southern Anne Arundel County, Galilee, St. Paul's, Pautuxent and Ebenezer. Today, only Ebenezer remains.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

James W. Clark, Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Commission on Afro-American
History & Culture

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

20 Dean Street

TELEPHONE

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CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis,

STATE

MD

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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 USGS 7.5 Minute Series
 Scale 1:24,000
 1957; photorevised 1970

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 Ebenezer African Methodist Episcopal
 Church and Parsonage
 956 Galesville Road
 Galesville



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EBENEZER A.M.E. CHURCH, GALESVILLE, MD.
built 1969

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Ebenezer Church (right) and Parsonage (left)

A.A. Co., Md.

East corner



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EBENEZER A.M.E. PARSONAGE ca. 1880-1910
GALESVILLE, MD.

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A.A.C., Md.

East Corner



EBENEZER A.M.E. CHURCH, GALESVILLE
(background)

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PERSONAGE in foreground

~~NEW CHURCH (1969) behind~~

~~ROLL # 6~~

~~FRAME # 3~~

A.A. Co., Ind.

S. Wetherill photo

SE elevation



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Ebenezer A.M.E. Parsonage
A. A. Co., Md.

~~ROLL # 6~~
~~FRAME 4~~

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West corner



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Ebenezer A.M.E. Parsonage

A.A.Co., Md.

~~Roll # 6~~

~~FRAME 2~~

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South corner.



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North elevation
7/80



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August 27, 1970

Demolition of First Ebenezer A.M.E. Church, Falesville, Md.
(built 1880.)

A.A. Co., Md.

This copy photo made 3/85, courtesy of Harriett Hull, Trustee.

Facade, NE elevation



September 1968 (copy photo made 3/85, courtesy of
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Ebenezer African Methodist Episcopal (A.M.E.) Church

A.A. Co., Md.

East corner of old church, built 1880.

Construction of new church in foreground.